

# **Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee**

## **Summary AFC Minutes December 12, 2002**

**Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:**

**Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room  
SPU Operations Control Center  
2700 Airport Way South  
Seattle, WA**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Bruce Bachen (SPU), Tim Romanski (USFWS), Bill Robinson (Trout Unlimited), Frank Urabeck (NW Marine Trade Association), Chuck Wischman (Puget Sound Anglers), Steve Foley (WDFW)

**Other Participants:** Chuck Johnson (WDFW), Brodie Antipa (WDFW), Dave Seiler (WDFW), and Paul Faulds (SPU)

### **I. Call to order**

*Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.*

### **II. Approval of agenda**

*Members unanimously approved the revised agenda. The Cedar River predation presentation by Dave Seiler was moved back on the agenda.*

### **III. Meeting minutes review and approval from November 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Members unanimously approved the minutes from November 21<sup>st</sup> following a minor change recommended by Steve Foley.*

### **IV. Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead**

#### ***Report on meeting with LMA Parties - future interim mitigation measures***

*Bruce reported that at a meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> the Parties to the LMA approved the AFC's recommendations that unspent interim mitigation funding from 2001 and 2002 continue to be available for AFC recommendations through March 1, 2008. The Parties also approved of the annual deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> for providing recommendations to the Parties regarding funding for interim mitigation proposals and that any funds that are unallocated to specific proposals by the deadline would be provided annually to the Cedar River HCP Downstream Habitat Program.*

#### ***Steelhead genetics proposal***

*Chuck reported that Anne Marshall had a meeting conflict and could not attend the AFC meeting. He noted that comments from Frank Urabeck, Bruce Bachen, and Paul Faulds were being incorporated into the proposal. The revised proposal would be available at the January AFC meeting.*

#### ***Evaluation of fish passage above Landsburg – summary of discussions with Tom Quinn, Dave Beauchamp and Peter Kiffney***

*Bruce reported that SPU staff from Watershed Management and Water Quality and Supply met with Tom Quinn, Dave Beauchamp, and Peter Kiffney to discuss evaluation of fish passage at Landsburg and colonization of chinook, coho, and steelhead above the dam. At the meeting participants discussed developing a proposal to study coho*

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*colonization above the dam, how the fish ladder could be used to sort and collect fish for tagging, and the potential for trapping juveniles moving down river through the fish screen bypass.*

### ***Freshwater Production Research Information Dave Seiler***

*Dave Seiler provided members with a power point presentation and discussion of factors contributing to the decline of steelhead in the Cedar River.*

## **V. Cedar River sockeye hatchery program**

### ***Broodstock collection weir design***

*Bruce updated members on broodstock collection and weir design, which has focused on the I-405 site. The I-405 site is the option that is closest to the mouth of the Cedar River and would allow collection of the most representative group of fish to be used as broodstock for the hatchery. The design team consisted of Joe Hoffbeck and John McGlenn from Tetra/Tech KCM, Ed Zapel from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, WDFW and SPU staff. Members received a sketch of the design layout and Bruce described the conceptual design.*

### ***Update on adult entry timing and distribution study proposal***

*Bruce reported to members on Tom Quinn's progress with developing a proposal to study adult sockeye entry timing and distribution in Lake Washington.*

### ***Statistical review of the adult sockeye sampling program***

*Bruce updated the committee on the statistical review by John Skalski. The draft has been given to Steve Schroder for staff review prior to release. He said the final report would be made available to the AFC in January.*

### ***Proposed BY2002 hatchery marking plan***

*Paul F. provided members with a draft otolith marking plan for the hatchery production fry and fry in the rearing study. He complimented WDFW staff (Brodie, Dana Anderson, and Eric Volk) on their cooperation and effort. Dave S. volunteered to assist in the development of future marking and release plans.*

### ***Use of zooplankton funding for 2003***

*Bruce reported on a meeting with several AFC members and Dave Beauchamp. Dave believes that Dan Schindler's zooplankton data are adequate for the need of monitoring sockeye food supply in Lake Washington, given other uncertainties. Dave is trying to put together a proposal for studying the number of predators that feed on sockeye fry in Lake Washington.*

## **VI. Public comment**

*There were no public comments.*

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### ***Cedar River chinook and sockeye counts – WDFW***

*Steve F. reported that there were no chinook observed for the last few weeks. There have been a few coho in the river with about seven above the aqueduct. Surveys have reported a couple hundred coho in the river. The coho appear to vary in size. Steve stated the upper river sections were surveyed for sockeye on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and counted 12,500 fish and this last Tuesday they reported 14,700 fish. So the escapement estimate for the river is still going up.*

### ***Hatchery Update - WDFW***

*Brodie reported the hatchery has met its egg collection goal and is on track to release 17 million fry.*

## **VII. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.*